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**Applicant:** Claude Couture, et al.  
**Serial No.:** 10/044,846  
**Filed:** 11/09/2001  
**Group Art Unit:** 1711  
**Examiner:** Tran, Thao T.  
**Title:** **CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDE, OBTAINED BY  
CROSSLINKING WITH SUBSTITUTED  
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS SUPERABSORBENT**  
**Confirmation No.:** 7917  
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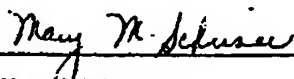
In response to the Final Official Action mailed on June 3, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on September 3, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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